## **HOUSE BILL 657**

## By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 69, relative to air and water quality.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

Section 69-3-140. During any period in which the federal government is unable to exercise its responsibilities relative to effluents because the federal government does not have adequate funds to operate the appropriate regulatory agencies, the state shall assume all such responsibility until such time as the federal government is able to exercise its responsibilities.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.